

Entrance of the Bride
“The Ground”, Ola Gjeilo

Welcome & Prayer

O Father, All-Creating

O Father, all-creating,
Whose wisdom, love, and pow'r
First bound two lives together
In Eden's primal hour,
To these who come before you,
Your earliest gifts renew:
A home by you made happy,
A love by you kept true.

O Spirit of the Father,
Breathe on them from above,
So mighty in your pureness,
So tender in your love;
That, guarded by your presence,
From sin and strife kept free,
Their hearts may seek your guidance,
And love you faithfully.

Unless you build it, Father,
The house is built in vain;
Unless you bless it, Saviour,
The joy will turn to pain;
But none can break the union
Of hearts in you made one;
The love your Spirit blesses
Is endless love begun.

Scripture Reading
Genesis 2:18-24 (NLT)

Clare McKerr

18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” 19 So the Lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. 20 He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.

21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up the opening. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

23 “At last!” the man exclaimed.

“This one is bone from my bone,
and flesh from my flesh!

She will be called ‘woman,’
because she was taken from ‘man.’”

24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Marriage Ceremony

Prayer

Katie Holst (Sister of the Bride)

Christ Be My Leader

Christ be our leader by night as by day,
Safe through the darkness for He is the way.

Gladly we follow, our future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be our teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant us to trust Him, though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt us, in Jesus we stand.

Christ be our Saviour in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold us, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch our salvation, with Jesus we reign.

Scripture Reading

1 John 4: 7-19 (NLT)

Riyanka John (Sister of the Groom)

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

13 And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us.

14 Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. 15 All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. 16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 17 And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

18 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. 19 We love each other because he loved us first.

Marriage Address

Prayer

Sarah Abraham (Aunt of the Groom)

Gracious Saviour, Grant Your Blessing

Gracious Saviour, grant Your blessing
To this couple gathered here,
That in peace they live together
And your holy name revere.

Christ, defend them from the tempter
And from all that would destroy
Love's foundation that You lay here,
And its threshold paved with joy.

Make their love a living picture
Showing how You loved Your bride:
When You gave Yourself to cleanse her,
When for her You bled and died.
Jesus, You have made her holy,
Pure and fair her radiant train;
To Yourself Your Church presenting,
Without wrinkle, spot, or stain.

Father, You created Adam
Crafted Eve, and made them one;
Jesus, from their sin You saved us,
As God's true incarnate Son;
Holy Spirit, You forgive us;
From our sins we are released.
Bring us, Lord, at last to heaven,
To the endless wedding feast.

Benediction

The Signing of the Marriage Documents

“A Clare Benediction”, John Rutter
Solo by Kerrie Godfrey (Sister of the Bride)

Recessional

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!” Ellacombe

The Bride and Groom and their families will depart the church first

“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.”

Psalm 27:13-14

A note from the Bride & Groom

We are so grateful for your presence here today and for your prayers as we worship and celebrate.

We have been very aware of the prayers, love, kindness and support of so many people in the days, weeks and months leading up to this moment. We feel very blessed to be surrounded by so many of our loved ones in celebration of our commitment to each other.

Rohan & Clare

Timeline For The Rest of The Day

Tea and coffee served at the back of the church after the service

Coaches for those requiring transport to the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa,
Newcastle

Tea, coffee and scones at the Slieve Donard from 3pm

Reception begins at 4.45pm